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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOC DIPLOMATIC NOTE ON LIMITING CONTACTS WITH TURKISH
CYPRIOTS

1. THE EMBASSY RECEIVED MAY 25 THE FOLLOWING "CONFIDENTIAL"
CIRCULAR NOTE FROM GOC MINFONAFF, NUMBER A 324/2 OF MAY 18:
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BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO ALL
DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO THE REPUBLIC OF
CYPRUS AND HAS THE HONOR TO DRAW THEIR ATTENTION TO
THE MOST DELICATE QUESTION OF THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE
TURKISH-CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP.

THIS QUESTION HAS BECOME DELICATE AND HAS ACQUIRED PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OF THE CONTINUOUS TURKISH OCCUPATION AND THE REPEATED THREATS FOR UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.

THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP, IN ITS EFFORTS TO PAVE THE GROUND FOR THE CONSOLIDATION AND THE LEGALIZATION OF THE DE FACTO SITUATION THROUGH THE EVENTUAL "DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE", AT SOME OPPORTUNE MOMENT, IS EXPLOITING THESE CONTACTS BY INTERPRETING THEM AS AN INDIRECT RECOGNITION OF THEIR FUNCTIONING SO-CALLED "STATE".

IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE THE MINISTRY INVITES ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS TO RESTRICT THEIR CONTACTS WITH THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP TO THE MINIMUM. IT SHOULD ALSO BE REMEMBERED THAT THE ONLY CAPACITY UNDER WHICH FOREIGN DIPLOMATS MAY HAVE OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH MR. R. DENKTASH IS THAT OF A LEADER OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED TO THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS THE ASSURANCES OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

END TEXT.

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2. COMMENT: GOC CIRCULATED A SIMILAR NOTE ON OCTOBER 29, 1974. PRESENTLY, THE AMBASSADOR CALLS ON ONLY DENKTASH AND THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR IN THEIR OFFICES. HE DOES HOWEVER MEET SOCIALLY WITH A WIDE RANGE OF TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERS AND OTHER TURKISH EMBASSY OFFICIALS. OTHER MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY CALL ON TFSC OFFICIALS, RANGING FROM "MINISTERS" THROUGH MIDDLE LEVELS OF TFSC BUREAUCRACY, IN THEIR OFFICES. OUR GENERAL PRACTICE HAS BEEN TO AVOID USE OF TFSC TITLES IN ANY OFFICIAL EMBASSY CORRESPONDENCE WITH THEM. MOST OTHER WESTERN EMBASSIES FOLLOW SAME PROCEDURE. WE DO NOT INTEND TO ALTER OUR OWN PRACTICE AS A RESULT OF MOST RECENT GOC NOTE. END COMMENT. STONE

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